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Offers Only Hope

Robert Lee Humber Spoke To Group In High School Last Tuesday Night

Addressing members of the local Woman's Club and a few guests in the high school auditorium here last Tuesday night, Robert Lee Humber, "world citizen," voiced the conviction that our present system of diplomacy can only lead to war, that only a world federation can offer the nations peace.

Although his audience was limited in number, the speaker re- five town commissioners, the cognized as one of the foremost students of world government and relations, said there were sufficient persons present to stir a city, and once a city is stirred its work could sweep a state, a nation.

"Let us pause and see where we are today," the speaker said. "We are still in a state of war nerves, following a period during which 70 million lives were lost, including the starvation deaths in China. We have just come out of a period during which great metropolitan centers, requiring centuries to build, were destroyed. There was the atomic bomb at Hiroshima where 250,000 people evaporated. We can't conceive of the damage and destruction. There is no yard stick to evaluate it. We tried to predicate our future on scientific principles and we see what happened," Mr. Humber said, adding that we are not yet on the right track to do anything about it.

"Centuries ago," he continued, "the Roman Empire broke up into France, Germany, England, and others. We are undergoing transformation today, but instead of growing outwardly, we are we will be lost.

"Several years before the war, France was in a state of war nerves. There was a paralysis of leadership, and the average Frenchman guessed that he had little more than one chance out of ten to keep out of war. There was little hope for peace in the

No Provision Is Made In Law For **A Second Primary**

Few Issues Been Advanced; **Candidates Steer Clear Of Platform Pledge**

Williamston will hold its first primary election next Monday for the nomination of a mayor and

prognosticators declaring there'll be a close race. It is more or less admitted that few, if any, of the candidates feel positively certain of nomination. Impatient to await the outcome of the balloting next Monday, the prognosticators are going out on a limb and are predicting that the election will make some changes in the town's

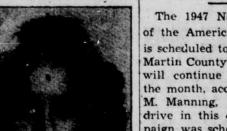
governing personnel. How many changes and where the changes will be centered, the observers politely declined to say. Few issues have been advanced in the campaign to date. Certainly none has been brought out into the open, but there are the usual rumors. "It is fairly evident that there has been a move on some one's part to split up the vote," one of the early candidates

declared this week, adding that he could not say against whom the split is being directed. Steering clear of a solid block several of the challenging candidates met Wednesday night and

discussed the situation, and the possibility of withdrawals was brought up. Such action was ruled out, leaving the voters a field of eighteen-four for mayor and fourteen for commissioners-to moving toward a center. And un- choose from. For the first time less we understand that center, during the campaign supporters

moved in this week to lend cast laid to some of the candidates. While general statements and pledges have been made, Robert Cowen, candidate for mayor, is the only one to itemize a planked

BRIDE FROM ITALY



Mrs. Darrell M. Price, who

before her marriage in Bari, Italy, on last April 26, was Miss Anna Maldari of that city. She met Captain Price while employed as secretary in the Psychological Warfare Branch of the American Expeditionary forces at the Balkan Headquarters in Bari. Accompanied by her husband she arrived in this country a short time ago and is spending several weeks here in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse T. Price.

County Ball Club Making Ready for Play At Everetts

Over \$1,100 Spent So Far **On Park and Equipment Manager** States

Everetts is rapidly making ready for opening the regular playing season in the Martin County Baseball League on April VEP To Sponsor 20, Manager Will Crawford an-

World Federation Predict Close Races Drive For Cancer Hutson Will Head Find Abandoned Infant on Funds To Start In New Organization Farmer's Porch In County For World Peace In Monday Election County Next Week For Sale Of Leaf A bouncing eight-pound color- the unbathed newly-born infant

County Asked To Raise Raising Measure of 10 \$1500 This Year **Cents An Acre**

J. B. Hutson, former under 2:30 o'clock last Tuesday morn-The 1947 National Campaign of the American Cancer Society secretary of agriculture, head of ing. Steps were taken immediate- ed, and the case was duly inves- in as many days, members of the is scheduled to get under way in the Commodity Credit Corpora- ly by the family to adopt the lit- tigated, but no trace of the moth- Martin County Board of Educa-Martin County next Tuesday, and tion and more recently secretary tle cast-off. will continue the remainder of of the United Nations, this week the month, according to Wheeler accepted the position as head of M. Manning, chairman, of the Tobacco Associates, Incorporated, stop in front of their home. She were advanced for adoption. The With the exception of a few res gdrive in this county. The cam- an organization newly created to paign was scheduled to begin on promote the sale of flue-cured to-April 1, but was delayed locally bacco in foreign countries. He is to draw a salary of \$25,000 anand throughout the county in ornually. der to avoid a conflict with the

Red Cross and Crippled Children drives.

As a part of the nation-wide drive, North Carolina is being \$50,000 to finance the organizaasked to raise a quota of \$168. tion, Mr. Hutson made no promise 000.00, and of this amount Martin that Tobacco Associates could County is being asked to con- boost prices to high levels or even ing to the front porch they found in life. tribute \$1,500. The county's hold them to last year's figures. quota is 50 percent larger than He stated that there is a demand it was last year, and approxi- for possibly one billion pounds of mately \$300 more than was rais- American tobacco in foreign ed last year. The nation's goal countries, but he explained that

is \$12,000,000.00. "We realize that there have way of exportation. It is fairly been repeated calls by various evident that the new head of the agencies and organizations in re- organization will attempt to arcent months, but the need for range for the flow of trade posfunds is so great and the cause sibly by the age-old barter sysso worthy and urgent that we tem. He could go to France and feel it imperative to get busy and arrange for manufacturers to ship support the American Cancer certain manufactured goods or Society in its great work," Chair- items to this country and pay for them with tobacco, or vice versa.

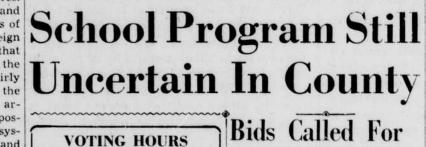
man Manning said. The need for action is pointed The plan proposed for Tobacco out in vital statistics which clear- Associates to execute is about the ly indicate a steady and rapid in- only one offered so far that even crease in cancer deaths. Ten has a possibility of heading off years ago, 142.613 Americans died serious trouble for tobacco farmfrom the dreaded disease. It is ers. Farm leaders and business estimated accurately that 175,000 men in the producing areas think will have died of the disease be- the plan worth trying, at least. fore this year is spent, and that To support the organization anunless the trend is checked, the other year, farmers, by special death toll will approximate 215,- legislative act, will vote next July 12 on the question of taxing them-000 in 1956.

The various township quotas selves at the rate of 10 cents an Rebuilding Firewill be announced and published acre. If three-fourths of the with the next few days along farmers favor the small acre tax, Damaged Property eighteen months ago. with the names of the township the organization will be continuchairman, the head of the drive ed. North Carolina tobacco farm-

ed baby, just a few hours old and packed amidst a few old rags in Wheeler Manning Says The Farmers To Vote On Fee- with a powerful pair of lungs, an Old Mr. Boston liquor box. Tobacco twine was used to tie the was found abandoned on Farmer cord, the crude operation indicat-John Roberts' home on the Jones ing that no recognized authority 'Road in Williams Township at attended the mother. Sheriff C. B. Roebuck was call-

About 12:30 that morning, Ro- Welfare and health department members for the various local berts' granddaughter heard a car officials were contacted and plans school districts in the county. called her grandfatner and he authorities were greatly relieved nations, substitutions and addilooked out the window just in when they learned that the Ro- tions, the committee lists remain time to see a colored woman hur- berts wanted the child, one reriedly leave the yard and jump port stating that some of them fore the appointments this week. into a car equipped with white had recognized responsibility in

Even though farmers in the sidewall tires and a straight ex- caring for the cast-off. flue-cured states raised \$50,000 haust. The car was driven away Since it was delivered in a box pointment, the superintendent and business firms raised another rapidly. Unable to explain the with the name of Boston on it, was instructed to point out cerlate visit, the family went back the child has been christened tain recommendations made by to sleep, and two hours later Ro- "Boston Roberts" for whatever the board. The authorities recberts' wife heard a baby cry. Go- role he may be destined to play ommended that the individual



The polls for Williamston's first municipal primary election are scheduled to open at 6:30 o'clock next Monday morning and close that evening at 6:30 o'clock. Voting will be limited to one location in the firemen's headquarters in the City Hall.

The election officials are John E. Pope, registrar; and **Reginald Simpson and Jesse** T. Price, judges of election.

success of the flight to determine future action on the other projects tentatively advanced following the close of the war about Bids for construction of a six-

room brick-cinder block construc-Materials for rebuilding a large ers have been assessed \$35,000 as tion building for the Everetts coltheir share of the cost of main- storage house and dry kiln, ored school were ordered advertaining the agency next year. wrecked by fire at the plant of tised. If the bids are anything There are over 800,000 acres the Williamston Package Manu-like reasonable, it is possible that facturing Company near the planted to tobacco in the State, the authorities will launch other Special Contest meaning that the acreage tax will river here last Friday night, are lows: L. R. Everett, H. S. Johnproposed projects, including posraise approximately \$85,000. Di- being placed on the lot and conson, Jr., Clayton House. At Hassibly an addition to the colored rectors of Tobacco Associates, struction work is slated to get high school here, a lunch room vis were reappointed, and J. D. sell, George Avers and W. E. Pur-Final plans for the participa- meeting in Raleigh this week, ex- under way at once. tion of 4-H Club boys and girls of plained that the additional Debris of the fire has been the white high school and other Etheridge was named to succeed sadi. Over 8,000 feet of timber Martin County in a Better Meth- amount could be used to expand cleared away for the construction construction in various parts of A. E. Purvis. have been donated by the people ods Electric Contest were made the work of the organization, or of a new and larger storage the county. If the building cost Two changes were made, but in our community. But we need here this week at a meeting of T. no tax would be levied for one house, Plant Superintendent W. for the proposed Everetts buildthe membership for the Jamesville District is still limited to W. Beaird stating that the new ings is considered all out of reas-Since the tax is very small, it is structure would be larger than three men, Elmer Modlin, W. E. on, it is likely that action on other

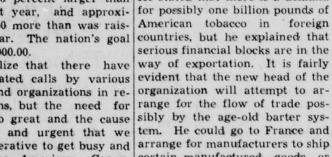
Name Committees For Local School **Districts** Tuesday **Construction Bids Asked** for On Everetts Colored School

Holding their second meeting er could be found immediately. tion Tuesday named committee about the same as they were be-In notifying the committeemen of their reappointment or ap committees perfect their organizations without delay and that they hold meetings at regular inervals. The board also pointed the colored schools are being placed under the direction of the committees, that the committeemen are to elect all teachers and that all matters and problems relating to the colored schools, as well as the white ones, are to be cleared through the local committees before their referral to the county board.

Construction Of Only one change was made in Robersonville's committee per-**Everetts School** sonnel. Dr. J. M. Kilpatrick was appointed to succeed Mr. W. H. Gray. Other members on the **Other Projects Are Held In** Robersonville Committee are, I. Abeyance Pending The M. Little, N. C. Everett, John M. Dixon and Herbert L. Roebuck. The Everetts sub-committee in Reconsidering an extensive the Robersonville district, inschool plant expansion program cludes Garland Forbes, Alton for this county, the board of edu-

Keel and Herbert L. Roebuck. Williamston's old committee of three members-R. L. Coburn, R. H. Goodmon and C. B. Clarkwas reappointed, but two new members, W. Iverson Skinner and Marvin Britton, were added to the committee.

Oak City's committee was reappointed, as follows: J. A. Everett, G. E. Oglesby, E. R. Edmondson, Jr., E. E. Pittman and Francis Worsley. The Hamilton committee was left unchanged as fol



paper. Frenchman's mind under the existing system of diplomacy.

"And now after the holacaust, we have not yet adopted definite policies that will advance unity and solidarity of the human race. There is a conference of ministers in Moscow now. Will it succeed?" the speaker asked and went on to say it will come just as near success in Moscow as in any other city. "But we have not yet decided what we want and how to get it. Is it economic expansion by exploitation or is it law and order for the advancement of humanity we want? Do we want one nation to dominate at the expense of another?

"We will adopt principles and policies for unity or we will disintegrate. We connet continue the present regime or system and expect to survive.

"Today, every world order and law is predicated on diplomacy. Every nation has a right to operate on its own, but, together, there is no political responsibility or obligation. We can depend only on voluntary cooperation, and the record shows that it has not worked very well, that it leaves us in a state of apprehension.

"We must organize politically if we are ever to have peace. Williamston is organized politically. This State is organized politically, and our nation is organized politically. We must organize a world political community instead of a diplomatic system," the speaker said, explaining that the character of the political community provided government by law, power to make and enforce laws. "While the political community has citizens, the diplomatic system has no citizens, no government and no courts, relying solely upon voluntary cooperation for its success.

"When a gangster breaks through a window, one must have more power than voluntary cooperation to keep him out. Under our present system we are trying to pour wine of internationalism into bottles of nationalism. and it won't go, and it is not practical to live in face of destruction."

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nounced this week Town politics have been discussed openly, to be sure, but it is believed that the secret vote will enter into the picture in a big way on election day. There are an estimated 1.250 persons registered and eligible to vote, and it is now thought that be-

tween 900 and 1,000 will participate in the election. The election next Monday will just about settle the political

score for the next two years. It aided us with the milling. will be followed by a general election, to be sure, but the May balloting wil be little more than have spent about \$1,100. We need the county agent's staff. a formality, just as it has been about \$300 more to complete the for years and years in this dem-

ocratic stronghold. No provision on April 20," Mr. Crawford addis made in the law for a second ed. primary, the nominations going

mayor and to the five polling the highest votes for commissioners. Although the law is not very Stalls and Herbert Cullipher, left democratic, it isn't likely that the field; Whit Mallory and Paul Wi!next Monday election mandateliams, 1st; Clayton Keel and Wil- effort. will be challenged, whatever it liam Cherry, 2nd; Russell Bailey may be. To determine a major-Wynne, short stop; Tom Roberity, the total vote cast is divided son, catcher; James Alfred Stalls, by the number of candidates and center field; G. G. Bailey, Jr., and the resulting figure is then di-Lee Clark, fielders; George Keel vided by two. But the law, deand Herman Crawford, pitchers. signed especially for the local Reports state that nearly every municipal primary election by club in the league is making be chosen from each of the 16 the recent State Legislature, ready for the season opening. A counties to attend a 4-H Club specifically says the nominations meeting was held here Thursday shall go to the highest candidate to decide plans for a grandstand. for mayor and the five highest

FORMALITY

The opening of the munici-

pal registration books here Saturday from 9:00 o'clock a.

m. until 5 o'clock p. m. for the

challenge of any names plac-

ed on the books is little more

than a formality in the elec-

While there may be some

borderline registrations, it is

not likely that any of the can-

didates or their friends will

step up to challenge any

names. No one is certain

how another is going to vote,

and a challenge may cost the

challenger a vote. Therefore,

it is quite likely that the

registration will stand with

about 1,250 names of local

people on the books.

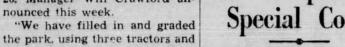
tion system.

for commissioners. **Tornado Strikes Oklahoma** Towns

Striking along the Texas-Oklahoma border Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock, a tornado, described as one of the worst in history, killed at least 150 persons and injured at least one thousand others. One town, in the center of the tornado, was virtually cleared from the map.

Complete details of the disaster could not be had from the stricken center inimediately, but reports stated that the Red Cross was rushing relief there in volume and that aid was being extended by others from miles

away.



said today.

the services of a dozen or more volunteers," the club manager about 3,000 more feet to complete B. Brandon, county farm agent; year. the fonce and grandstand now un- W. J. Rideout, Jr., agricultural

have been very generous with Extension Service and director of their timber and Mr. Barnhill has the contest; Mr. P. S. Morrisettte and S. P. Woolford representing least, for a few years.

"We have purchased just about the Virginia Electric & Power all of our equipment, and so far Company; and other members of

Boys and girls entering the conplant and start the season even test, now underway, must make a detailed study of a farm chore and make a report and recon-

Fifteen players have been ten mendations on how this chore can Raiding along the Martinto the high man in the race for tatively signed by the club to be simplified by the use of elec- Beaufort boundary line last Tuesdate, including Junior Stalls, tricity. The contest is designed day morning, AEC Officer J. H. pitcher and 3rd- base; Buddy to stimulate the use of more mod- Roebuck and Deputy Roy Peel, ern farm methods for better pro- accompanied by Beaufort ABC ofduction at less cost in time and ficers, found and wrecked a small illicit distillery and captured a

Participating in this territorial 50-gallon capacity copper kettle. contest are 16 North Carolina The officers poured out two barcounties receiving their supply of rels of cheap beer and confiscatelectricity from the Virginia Elec- ed four gallons of illicit liquor. tric and Power Company and the

cooperatives it serves. Two win- Many Attending Revival ners-one boy and one girl-will

Electric Congress scheduled to be tending the series of revival serheld at N. C. State College in Oc- vices now under way in the Evertober. This Congress will climax etts Baptist Church, the pastor,

the territorial contest. Expenses of the Congress are being paid by the Virginia Elec- services will continue through tric & Power Company, with each Sunday night.

county winner receiving a twoday, all expense trip to Raleigh. Farm Life To Play The One winner from each county

also will receive from the West-Farm Life of the Beaufort inghouse Educational Foundation County Baseball League will a gold-filled medal of honor. The meet Williamston, entry in the Virginia Electric and Power Company will award two first prizes Martin County League, here in a of \$100 scholarships to the boy pre-season game Sunday afterand girl winning in the Electric noon at 3:00 o'clock, it was an-Congress in Raleigh. 'Two second nounced today.

prizes of engraved gold watches also will be awarded by the Virginia Electric & Power Company at the Congress.

Winners at the Electric Congress will be eligible to compete with other winners in the State

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der construction. The farmers engineer of the North Carolina believed that few farmers will the one destroyed. 'The owners projects will again be delayed. object to the plan, many having are building a storage 80 by 140 The Everetts colored school was

agreed that it is worth trying, at feet," Mr. Beaird said. burned out at the close of the More than half of the machin-1945-46 term. Plans for a buildery and equipment in the dry ing were drawn, and it was unofkiln was wrecked and several ficially estimated that the buildlarge iron beams were warped, ing would cost around \$30,000. the superintendent stating that The lowest bid received last sumreplacements had been ordered. mer was around \$138,000. The "We hope to have the wrecked high costs forced the authorities property replaced within a few to chelve the entire expansion lavcees Antiounce Prize ___ weeks," the superientendent said. program, and the colored chil-During the meantime, the large dren in the Everetts district have factory continues to operate, dry- been attending school ing its basket in the open air.

> Operations are dependent upon weather conditions which limit the number of workers on the job different type building. The bids and winners were the following at times to about one-half the

RECORD

What is recognized as a record income for any single month was turned over to the county treasurer in the form of fines, forfeitures and court costs by Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne for March.

The total, not including recordings of various papers, amounted to \$3,143.65, the amount including \$2,270.00 in county court fines and \$550 bond forfeitures in the superior court. Clerk fees amounted to \$193.65; Solicitor's fees were \$384.00; recorder's fees, \$288.00 and jury tax, \$8.

While the various fees are taxed against the defendants, the collections are turned into the treasury.

December collections amounted to \$2,454.05, the largest reported up until that time.

Manning and C. G. Gurkin. Manning and Gurkin are succeeding J. C. Kirkman and John Gardner. Farm Life retains its old committee, P. E. Getsinger, A. J. Hardison and B. F. Lilley.

At Bear Grass E. C. Harrison, W. C. Jones and Kneezer Harrison were reappointed.

Winners Monday Evening

At the Jaycees' spring dance, held last Monday evening, the This week the board consider- drawing for the three valuable are returnable during the week of persons. The first prize an 11-May 12, and the fate of the ex- tube Stromberg-Carlson combinato J. D. Price, Jr., Bear Grass yards farther out on the Everetts- luxe boys bicycle, was won by At-Spring Green Road has been chos- torney Edgar Gurganus, local reen for the new Everetts school, sident now working in Raleigh.

model radio, was won by Mrs. C. struction will again be delayed.

Chairman of the County Commissioners John H. Edwards presided over the drawing, and was assisted by Jaycee James Bullock. Miss Emma Lou Taylor did the

As an expression of their ap-According to preliminary repreciation for the encouragement ports, the Jaycees cleared about offered in the form of cash and material gifts, the members of the \$423.00 from the raffle, this newly organized West End Bap- amount to be donated to the Wiltist Church are giving a free bar- liamston High School Band, to be becue dinner to those who made used where needed most.

by Deacon Exum L. Ward today. Stores Begin Closing Next

The dinner will be given next Wednesday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock on the church grounds, and there'll be no solicitations, April 16, Williamston stores and Mr. Ward, finance committee offices, with few exceptions, will chairman, declared. "We just observe Wednesday afternoon of want our friends to know that we each week as a holiday. The appreciate what they have al- stores will close at 12 o'clock, ready done in helping us with the noon, and the holiday sched construction of our new church will be maintained until tobacbuilding," Mr. Ward said. co marketing time.

Locals Here Sunday

Jesse Melson Continues

ter and fairly bright Thursday

Officers Capture **Small Distillerv**

normal complement. No accurate loss estimate has been determined, the owners explaining that adjusters would not be able to check the damage un-

In Church At Everetts til the early part of next week.

in churches. ed revised plans which call for a prizes being offered took place,

West End Church

Plans Barbecue

contributions, it was announced

Receipt of Bids

cation in a two-day meeting this

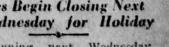
week sent up a trial balloon, the

pansion program will not be de- tion radio-phonograph set, went termined before that time. A new site, a few hundred township. The second prize, a de-

but there is a possibility that con- The third prize, a 5-tube table

C. Parker of Williamston.

drawing blindfolded.



Wednesday for Holiday Beginning next Wednesday,

Quite Ill In Hospital

Mr. W. Jesse Melson, a patient in the local hospital since March 17, continues quite ill. However, he seemed to be feeling some bet-

for an all-expense trip to the Nanoon.

Rev. E. R. Stewart, announced. Conducted by the pastor, the

Large crowds are nightly at